GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department – Conducting of regular inquiry against Sri S.Govinda Rao, the then O.S.D. (ADE, APGENCO), IT Wing, GVMC, Visakhapatnam, on the allegation of demand and accepted the bribe amount from the complainant for doing an official favour, in violation of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Inquiry conducted – Charges held proved- Imposing penalty of one Annual Grade Increment (AGI) without cumulative effect- Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.369. **Dated:08.04.2024.**

Read the following:-

1. From the DSP., ACB, Visakhapatnam Range, in his Radio message dated.18.12.2014.
2. Govt. Memo No.18489/Vig.I(1)/2014-1, dt.09.02.2015.
3. From the Director General, ACB Lr.Rc.No.296/RCT-WVP/2014, dated 19.10. 2016
4. G.O.Rt.No.660, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Department, dated 09.07.2018.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1019, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Department, dated 31.10.2018.
6. G.O.Rt.No.329, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Department, dated 29.04.2019.
7. G.O.Rt.No.415, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Department, dated 04.06.2019.
8. From Sri J. Satyanarayana IPS (Retired),Member commissioner of Inquiries, inquiry report submitted Dt.30.11.2022.
9. Govt. Memo No.18489/Vig.I(1)/2014-1, dt.20.03.2023.
10. From the S.Govinda Rao, the then OSD, IT Wing, GVMC, Visakhapatnam, Written representation Dt.Nil.

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Where as in the reference 1st read above, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam Range has reported that Sri S.Govinda Rao, O.S.D. (IT Wing), GVMC, Visakhapatnam (On deputation from APGENCO) was trapped on allegation of demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs.8,000/- from the Complainant for doing official favour.

2. Where as in the reference 3rd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad recommended to place the Accused Officer-1 i.e., Sri S.Govinda Rao, O.S.D (IT Wing), GVMC, Visakhapatnam (On deputation from APGENCO) on his defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries. Accordingly, Government have initiated departmental action against Sri S.Govinda Rao, the then OSD (IT Wing), GVMC., Visakhapatnam, by issuing Articles of Charges against him vide G.O. 4th read above.

3. As the Written statement of defence is not convinced, the Govt., in the reference 5th read above, have appointed Sri Sahadeva Reddy, Commissioner of Inquiries as an Inquiring Authority. Subsequently, in the reference 6th read

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above, orders were issued, appointing Sri J.Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), COI as an Inquiring Authority in place of Sri K.Sahadeva Reddy, former COI for conducting regular inquiry into the charges framed against Sri S.Govinda Rao, the then OSD (ADE, APGENCO), IT Wing, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.

4. In the reference 7th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Advocate as Presenting Officer in this case, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority.

5. The Inquiry officer in his letter 8th read above, has submitted his inquiry report, concluding that the charge framed against the said C.O., is held proved.

6. In the reference 9th read above, while communicating the Inquiry report, the Charged Officer Sri S.Govinda Rao, O.S.D (IT Wing), GVMC, Visakhapatnam (On deputation from APGENCO) has directed to submit his written representation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer, under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

7. The Charged Officer in his written representation 10th read above, among others, has stated that he did not demand or accept any amount of bribe from PW-1 through Sri G.Ravi, Project Manager (Outsourcing), I.T. Wing, GVMC., Visakhapatnam for doing official favour and also not found the bribe amount at him; that chemical test yields colour less; not found the file at him at the time of ACB raid. He is totally innocent regarding the ACB trap and no material found with ACB to shown him as accused officer. He hasn't accumulate any properties due to large family constraints. He, has therefore, requested the Govt. to drop further action against him.

8. Government after careful examination of the inquiry report, written representation of the Charged Officer; keeping in view the preponderance of the probabilities and after following due procedure, it has been decided to impose a penality of one Annual Grade Increment (AGI) without cumulative effect on Sri S.Govinda Rao, the then OSD (ADE, APGENCO), IT Wing, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.

9. Accordingly, the Government hereby order to impose a punishment of "withholding one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect" on Sri S.Govinda Rao, the then OSD (ADE, APGENCO), IT Wing, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, in terms of Rule 31 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

10. The Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam and The CMD., APGENCO., Vidyuth Soudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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To
Sri S.Govinda Rao, the then OSD (ADE, APGENCO), IT Wing, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, through the CMD, APGENCO, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.
The CMD., APGENCO., Vidyuth Soudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
SF / SC (E.No.228521).

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SECTION OFFICER.